

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 15, insert the following new paragraph between lines 24 and 26:

In one exemplary embodiment of a method of making a nonwoven web, the method comprises providing a plurality of fibers; subjecting the fibers to a pneumatic attenuation force in a drawing slot formed between opposed drawing slot sidewalls, the attenuation force imparting a velocity to the fibers; subjecting the fibers to an applied electrostatic charge, the electrostatic charge applied by an electrostatic charging unit located on one of the drawing slot sidewalls; reducing the velocity of the fibers in a diffusion chamber, the diffusion chamber being formed substantially between opposed diverging sidewalls; and thereafter collecting the fibers into a web on a moving forming surface. In this exemplary embodiment, the pneumatic attenuation force is provided by attenuation air entering the drawing slot only from the drawing slot sidewall opposing the drawing slot sidewall upon which the electrostatic charging unit is located.